

Principles of Collaboration

Coordinating Committee and Voting Sections

Coordinating Committee

The [Coordinating Committee](#) is dedicated to the advancement of Alliance activities and furthering communication within the Alliance.

The Coordinating Committee works with the Working Groups to articulate a long-term, strategic vision for the Alliance. The Committee assists the Alliance [Members](#) in evaluating the effectiveness of the Working Groups and eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort between the Working Groups. Participants in the Coordinating Committee will act as liaison with one or more of the Working Groups. The Coordinating Committee will recommend for the creation of new Working Groups or to disband Working Groups that are no longer actively serving the needs of the Alliance.

The Coordinating Committee is responsible for updating eligibility standards for membership in the Alliance as necessary.

Coordinating Committee members may be nominated by [Participants](#) in the Alliance or may self nominate. Coordinating Committee members are elected by a simple majority of all votes cast over an open voting period, typically two weeks.

The number of Coordinating Committee members shall be no more than nine (9).

Coordinating Committee members shall serve in staggered appointments of one, two or three years through December 31, 2013, or their resignation. Any member may resign at any time by notification in writing to the Alliance through the office of the Secretariat. Vacancies on the Coordinating Committee shall be filled by special election.

Voting

The Alliance will vote to elect members of the Coordinating Committee, ratify and alter the principles of collaboration, or upon any other issue deemed necessary by the Membership. Members will be given a two-week period to vote electronically. A simple majority of the voting Member representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Votes shall be cast by the designated Program Representative of any Member organization. In the event of a tie vote, the Secretariat will cast the deciding vote.